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THE REVOLT IN RUSSIA

Everyone who has not entirely lost faith in the good sense of humanity believes that the time will come when the red tyrants will be swept out of Russia. Who knows but what the time has come? Nowhere else in the world has been deceived so many times by anti-bolshevik propaganda in Russia that it is inclined to be skeptical.

The people of Russia who are not direct beneficiaries of the soviet system will soon see the inevitable against bolshevism. The masses will not always submit to being robbed and starved in order to maintain a system that does not know the first principles of successful or democratic government.

The revolt against red rule in the Petrograd district may be an indication of a condition of mind that may spread throughout Russia, resulting in the overthrow of the soviet tyrants and it may be only a valuable protest that will be suppressed by the military power still wielded by Lenin and Trotsky.

The unscrupulous methods which the soviet government has adopted to keep down the army appeals to the lowest motives of the Russians. They are assured of plenty to eat if they are willing to support the red government against their fellow men. It is doubtful if patriotism or loyalty enters into the thoughts of many of the bolshevik soldiers.

There is one encouraging feature in the news now coming out of Russia—the Russians who are leading the movement against the reds are not men of the old regime, most of whom were not trusted by the people, but it appears to be a protest of the proletarians themselves, who are the greatest sufferers under the soviet rule.

The world will hope that a successful revolution against the soviet state has begun.

BANNING INDECENT MOVIES

The National Association of Motion Picture Producers recognizes that the public has had cause to complain against a number of films recently inflicted upon it and adopts resolutions promising to assist in the prosecution of offenders.

This is encouraging. It shows that motion picture men realize that the greatest menace to the motion picture industry is in films that transgress the bounds of decency.

While narrow-mindedness, the disposition to see evil in practically everything, must be guarded against in the censorship, there is a serious reflection upon censors in the other direction. In view of some of the pictures they have passed, showing their utter inability to act as judges. The chief complaint is not so much of indecency in the pictures considered as in the tendency of certain productions to present criminals in a rather favorable light, while representatives of law and morality are ridiculed.

It is just a matter, as recognized by right-minded picture men, of applying the rules of common decency and common sense. The resolution bans films that are "obscene, salacious, indecent and immoral," those which "emphasize and exaggerate sex appeal," those based on "commercialized vice," or which make drunkenness, gambling or the use of narcotics attractive. Other things ruled against are "scenes which unnecessarily prolong expressions of demonstrations of passionate love," "particularly suggestive bedroom and bathroom scenes and scenes of dancing dances, those exhibiting nakedness or scanty attire, and those which instruct the feeble-minded in methods of committing crime." Scenes ridiculing public officers, policemen, sailors, soldiers, ministers, priests or rabbis also are banned. The picture producer who cannot subscribe heartily to the aims of this movement should be driven

from the business. The public can no more submit to having rules of propriety in the movies laid down to it by some underworld spirit than it can submit to having its amusements censored by "narrow puritans."

COLLEGES AND RELIGION

Do college students, 35 per cent of them, enter American universities with a definite idea of God, and have less than 50 per cent of them retained that belief when they reach their senior year? Such is the charge made in a report at a conference of the Southern Methodist churches recently in Washington.

The accusation is vehemently denied by the Rev. Raymond C. Knox, chaplain of Columbia university. The chaplain has some interesting comments. "The smattering of information gleaned by children in an hour's lesson each Sunday morning, or the mere reading of the Bible, does not constitute a knowledge or study of religion," he says.

In answering the charge that 60 per cent of the teachers of the sciences in universities are agnostics, Dr. Knox asserts that these teachers, in his opinion, do not exert the slightest influence on the religious beliefs of the student body of the university.

The charge of lack of interest in church work can be laid with equal force to be feared, against youth in and out of college. From the church standpoint this is lamentable. The church and the home, not the university, are where the seeds of true religion can be sown. When a boy or girl has attained college age, religious habits will pretty generally already have been formed.

It looks as though the former service man would forget all the French he learned overseas before peace comes.

The humane supreme court does not intend to give approval to any plan for shooting profiteers at sunrise.

About all the United States hoped to get out of the war was the elimination of the hyphen, and that seems to have failed.

For a nation that did about the least to win the war after taking what she wanted, Japan is showing plenty of nerve.

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